

**AMENDMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Examiner Name	Mai, Hao D.
Title	Surgical Instruments for Accessing and Stabilizing a Localized Portion of a Beating Heart

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 4, 2009 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 4, 2009. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is being submitted herewith to extend the response date to August 4, 2009. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.